

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Sugata, et al.  
Appl No.: 10/568,566  
Filed: February 21, 2006  
For: Fastener and Securement Subject  
Having the Fastener Secured Thereto

Confirmation No.: 7859  
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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

YKK Corporation is:

1. ☒ the assignee of the entire right, title and interest; or
2. ☐ an assignee of less than the entire right, title and interest  
(The extent (by percentage) of its ownership interest is \_\_\_\_\_%)

in the patent application/patent identified above by virtue of either:

- A. ☒ An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above.  
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- B. ☐ A chain of title from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above, to the current assignee as follows:

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The undersigned is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the assignee.

12/04/2007  
Date

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**OR**

☐ Practitioner(s) named below (if more than ten patent practitioners are to be named, then a customer number must be used):

as attorney(s) or agent(s) to represent the undersigned before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and are authorized to act on behalf of the Assignee in connection with any and all patent applications assigned only to the undersigned according to the USPTO assignment records or assignment documents attached to this form in accordance with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

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**SIGNATURE of Assignee of Record**

The individual whose signature and title is supplied below is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee

Name: WATARU OTANI

Signature

*Wataru Otani*

Date: 30 November, 2007

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